

## NEWS RELEASE

**Dry Edible Peas & Lentils**  
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### DRY EDIBLE PEA & LENTIL ACREAGE

#### North Dakota

Dry edible pea planted acreage in North Dakota is estimated at 170,000 acres for 2003, up from 155,000 acres last year and 90,000 acres in 2001, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is the highest dry edible pea acreage estimate for North Dakota on record. Dry edible pea acreage estimates were added to the program in 1998 when 100,000 acres were planted. Lentil planted acreage is estimated at 55,000 acres, up from 53,000 acres last year and 45,000 acres in 2001. This is also the highest acreage on record since 1998 when lentil acreage was first estimated at 22,000 acres

#### United States

Planted acreage of dry edible peas in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington for 2003 is estimated at 356,000 acres, up 18 percent from last year and 72 percent above 2001. Planted acreage of lentils in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Washington is estimated at 246,000 acres, up 11 percent from last year and 22 percent above 2001.

#### DRY EDIBLE PEA AND LENTIL ACREAGE

Class	Planted		Harvested	
	2002	2003	2002	Indicated 2003
--- 1,000 Acres --- <b>DRY EDIBLE PEAS <sup>1/</sup></b>				
North Dakota	155.0	170.0	138.0	160.0
Idaho	41.0	51.0	40.0	50.0
Montana	32.0	50.0	27.0	39.0
Oregon	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.0
Washington	70.0	80.0	70.0	80.0
United States	302.7	356.0	279.7	334.0
<b>LENTILS</b>				
North Dakota	53.0	55.0	47.0	53.0
Idaho	68.0	64.0	66.0	63.0
Montana	25.0	32.0	21.0	29.0
Washington	75.0	95.0	75.0	95.0
United States	221.0	246.0	209.0	240.0

*1/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.*

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